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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/815,209	Applicant(s) KEOHANE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-8 and 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,9 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application No. 10/815209 filed March 31st 2004. Claims 1-20 are currently pending and have been examined.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/31/2004 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2,3,9 and 10 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 15-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant claims a computer

program product, the program not being connected to any physical hardware or device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1,8 and 15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tosey (2004/0125153).

Apropos claim 1,8 and 15, Tosey teaches:

A method, system and program for administration of keyboard input (Fig. 5 and [0018] lines 1-5) in a computer having a display device supporting a graphical user interface ("GUI") ([0002] lines 1-4), the method comprising:

storing keyboard input intended by a user (Keyboard input inherently stored in a buffer for processing) for a second widget when keyboard focus is

on a first widget, wherein the first widget receives no keyboard input ([0019] lines 5-8);

changing keyboard focus to the second widget (Input is routed to corresponding focus, Fig. 5 502); and

providing the stored keyboard input to the second widget (504, Fig. 5).

Apropos claim 4,11 and 17, Tosey teaches:

wherein storing keyboard input intended by a user for a second widget when keyboard focus is on a first widget further comprises reading keyboard input through a keyboard device driver (Input is from a keyboard in a window's environment which inherently has reads through a keyboard device driver [0002] lines 1-4).

Apropos claim 5,12, and 18, Tosey teaches:

wherein storing keyboard input intended by a user for a second widget when keyboard focus is on a first widget further comprises a keyboard device driver's reading input data from a keyboard, including reading the input in the absence of a read request for the keyboard device driver (Input events of multiple types, i.e. mouse or keyboard [0002] line 4, so not just from

keyboard, input is therefor inherently read even without a request from a keyboard device driver).

Apropos claim 6, 13 and 19 Tosey teaches:

wherein changing keyboard focus further comprises changing keyboard focus in response to the user's manipulating at least one user input device (foci utilized only after user input is received [0019] lines 5-8).

Apropos claim 7,14 and 20 Tosey teaches:

wherein the GUI includes a multiplicity of windows (), the method further comprising:

directing keyboard focus to a window having a keyboard focus policy and a multiplicity of widgets including the first widget and the second widget (Inherent in a GUI that uses multiple widgets); and

directing keyboard focus to the first widget in dependence upon the keyboard focus policy of the window (Can navigate through menu, i.e. widgets [0023] lines 12-14).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Takaike 6,002,862 for teaching determining input area depending upon type of input.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randal L. Willis whose telephone number is (571) 270-1461. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 5:00pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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